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NEWS 30 Oct 25 MEDLINE SDI run of October 8, 2002  
NEWS 31 Nov 18 DKILIT has been renamed APOLLIT  
NEWS 32 Nov 25 More calculated properties added to REGISTRY  
NEWS 33 Dec 02 TIBKAT will be removed from STN  
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L1  ANSWER 1 OF 24  CAPLUS  COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS
AB  In response to the challenge laid down by advances in other drug discovery
functions, DMPK has now established an array of automated,
miniaturized in vitro screens, rapid bioanal. methodologies and in silico
tools with which to optimize or predict passive. . . clearance, protein
binding and distribution. However, some fundamental processes remain to
be elucidated fully, including the in vivo impact of non-
specific or futile binding in in vitro screens and the
functional significance of intestinal and hepatobiliary transporter
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      (NEGATIVELY OR NEG)
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      21610 NEGATIVELY (3A) CHARGED
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      104495 PHOSPHATES
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      (PHOSPHATE OR PHOSPHATES)
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AN  2002:429464  CAPLUS

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DN 137:1480  
 TI Probe microarrays with internal standards for determination of background hybridization  
 IN Delenstarr, Glenda C.; Wolber, Paul K.; Sana, Theodore R.  
 PA USA  
 SO U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 38 pp., Cont.-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 398,399.  
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 DT Patent  
 LA English  
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| PI   | US 2002068293  | A1   | 20020606 | US 2001-899381  | 20010702 |
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| PRAI | US 1999-398399 | A2   | 19990917 |                 |          |

AB Nucleic acid **arrays** that have background features, and methods for using the same, are provided. The subject nucleic acid **arrays** include both hybridization features and defined background features, where the background features provide a background signal in a hybridization assay that is made up of a feature substrate component, a nucleic acid probe component and a nucleic acid probe **non-specific binding** component. In practicing the subject methods, the **arrays** are contacted with a sample and signals are obsd. for both hybridization features and background features. The background feature signal is then subtracted from the hybridization feature signal to obtain a background cor. hybridization feature signal that is employed as the output of the assay, e.g., to det. the presence, either qual. or quant., of the analyte target nucleic acid in the sample. The probes for detn. of background hybridization may fail to hybridize for a variety of reasons including structure, conformation, sequence, presence of base analogs, or the presence of abasic regions. Also provided are kits for use in practicing the subject methods. Probes intended to hybridize to the human glyceraldehyde-3-**phosphate** dehydrogenase were tested and a no. that did not hybridize to their targets in microarrays were identified. These probes and their targets were used to det. the minimal hybridization in a microarray. Probes forming internal hairpin loops were also found to be effective in detg. background hybridization.

IT 140603-19-6, GenBank X59814 142788-35-0, GenBank X56062 186681-80-1, GenBank U88571 196026-32-1, GenBank AF015542 391529-35-4, DNA (human glyceraldehyde-3-**phosphate** dehydrogenase cDNA)  
 RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); USES (Uses)  
 (nucleotide sequence, probe for detn. of background hybridization in microarrays derived from; probe microarrays with internal stds. for detn. of background hybridization)

L2 ANSWER 2 OF 3 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 1999:691252 CAPLUS

DN 131:318549

TI Methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to a nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces

IN McGall, Glenn; Goldbert, Martin; Ryder, Thomas B.; Woodman, Steve

PA Affymetrix, Inc., USA

SO PCT Int. Appl., 64 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA English

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PRAI US 1998-63311 A1 19980420  
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OS MARPAT 131:318549

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- TI Methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to  
 a nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes  
 or immobilizing surfaces
- AB The present invention provides a variety of methods for reducing  
**non-specific binding** of a target mol. or  
 plurality of target mols. to an **array** of oligonucleotides. The  
 methods of the present invention include surface modification techniques  
 and oligonucleotide modification techniques. Methods of integrating probe  
 synthesis and surface modification are described. According to one method  
 of the present invention, **non-specific binding**  
 of a target mol. to an **array** of oligonucleotides is reduced by  
 replacing at least one of: the protecting groups on each of the plurality  
 of oligonucleotides, and the protecting groups on each of the protected  
 regions of the substrate, with a **neg. charged**  
**phosphate** residue. Use of these methods to eliminate background  
 in microarray hybridization is demonstrated.
- IT Photolysis  
 (UV, in removal of protecting groups from oligonucleotide microarrays;  
 methods for reducing **non-specific binding**  
 to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of  
 probes or immobilizing surfaces)
- IT Polyelectrolytes  
 (anionic, as surface coatings for lowering background hybridization  
 against probe microarrays; methods for reducing **non-**  
**specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array**  
 by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)
- IT Langmuir-Blodgett films  
 (as substrate for oligonucleotide microarray immobilization; methods  
 for reducing **non-specific binding** to  
 nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes  
 or immobilizing surfaces)
- IT Fluoropolymers, uses  
 Oxides (inorganic), uses  
 RL: DEV (Device component use); USES (Uses)  
 (as substrate for oligonucleotide microarray immobilization; methods  
 for reducing **non-specific binding** to  
 nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes  
 or immobilizing surfaces)
- IT Glass, uses  
 RL: DEV (Device component use); USES (Uses)  
 (functionalized, as substrate for oligonucleotide microarray  
 immobilization; methods for reducing **non-specific**  
**binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled  
 modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)
- IT Probes (nucleic acid)

RL: ARU (Analytical role, unclassified); SPN (Synthetic preparation); ANST (Analytical study); PREP (Preparation)  
(immobilized microarrays; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

IT Electrolysis  
IR photolysis  
Photolysis  
Radiolysis  
X-ray radiolysis

(in removal of protecting groups from oligonucleotide microarrays; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

IT Nucleic acid hybridization  
(microarray hybridization; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

IT Protective groups  
(removal from members of oligonucleotide **arrays** of; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

IT Phosphorothioate oligonucleotides  
RL: SPN (Synthetic preparation); PREP (Preparation)  
(synthesis and immobilization of microarrays of; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

IT 1303-00-0, Gallium arsenide, uses 7440-21-3, Silicon, uses 7440-56-4, Germanium, uses 9002-84-0 9003-53-6, Polystyrene

RL: DEV (Device component use); USES (Uses)  
(as substrate for oligonucleotide microarray immobilization; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

IT 961-07-9D, 2'-Deoxyguanosine, immobilized derivs. 247934-65-2D, immobilized

RL: RCT (Reactant); RACT (Reactant or reagent)  
(for surface modification synthesis and immobilization of oligonucleotide microarrays; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

IT 110894-23-0 125607-09-2 247934-62-9 247934-63-0 247934-64-1D, immobilized

RL: RCT (Reactant); RACT (Reactant or reagent)  
(for synthesis and immobilization of oligonucleotide microarrays; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

IT 236740-29-7D, immobilized derivs. 248908-94-3D, immobilized

RL: RCT (Reactant); RACT (Reactant or reagent)  
(synthesis and immobilization in oligonucleotide microarray of; methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces)

L2 ANSWER 3 OF 3 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 1997:534585 CAPLUS

DN 127:230271

TI The role of a basic amino acid cluster in target site selection and **non-specific binding** of bZIP peptides to DNA

AU Metallo, Steven J.; Paolella, David N.; Schepartz, Alanna

CS Department Chemistry, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 06520-8107, USA

SO Nucleic Acids Research (1997), 25(15), 2967-2972  
 CODEN: NARHAD; ISSN: 0305-1048  
 PB Oxford University Press  
 DT Journal  
 LA English  
 TI The role of a basic amino acid cluster in target site selection and **non-specific binding** of bZIP peptides to DNA  
 AB The ability of a transcription factor to locate and bind its cognate DNA site in the presence of closely related sites and a vast **array** of non-specific DNA is crucial for cell survival. The CREB/ATF family of transcription factors is an important group of basic region leucine zipper (bZIP) proteins that display high affinity for the CRE site and low affinity for the closely related AP-1 site. Members of the CREB/ATF family share in common a cluster of basic amino acids at the N-terminus of their bZIP element. This basic cluster is necessary and sufficient to cause the CRE site to bend upon binding of a CREB/ATF protein. The possibility that DNA bending and CRE/AP-1 specificity were linked in CREB/ATF proteins was investigated using chimeric peptides derived from human CRE-BP1 (a member of the CREB/ATF family) and yeast GCN4, which lacks both a basic cluster and CRE/AP-1 specificity. Gain of function and loss of function expts. demonstrated that the basic cluster was not responsible for the CRE/AP-1 specificity displayed by all characterized CREB/ATF proteins. The basic cluster was, however, responsible for inducing very high affinity for nonspecific DNA. It was further shown that basic cluster-contg. peptides bind non-specific DNA in a random coil conformation. We postulate that the high nonspecific DNA affinities of basic cluster-contg. peptides result from cooperative electrostatic interactions with the **phosphate** backbone that do not require peptide organization.

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L1 ANSWER 1 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 AN 2002:737247 CAPLUS  
 TI The influence of DMPK as an integrated partner in modern drug discovery  
 AU Riley, Robert J.; Martin, Iain J.; Cooper, Anne E.  
 CS Department of Physical and Metabolic Science, AstraZeneca R and D  
 Charnwood, Loughborough, LE11 5RH, UK  
 SO Current Drug Metabolism (2002), 3(5), 527-550  
 CODEN: CDMUBU; ISSN: 1389-2002  
 PB Bentham Science Publishers Ltd.  
 DT Journal  
 LA English  
 AB In response to the challenge laid down by advances in other drug discovery functions, DMPK has now established an **array** of automated, miniaturized in vitro screens, rapid bioanal. methodologies and in silico tools with which to optimize or predict passive absorption, metabolic clearance and minimise drug-drug interaction potential. The awareness of the pivotal role that physicochem. properties play in the control of many of these processes has been key. This review highlights some of these structure-activity relationships with emphasis on drug absorption, clearance, protein binding and distribution. However, some fundamental processes remain to be elucidated fully, including the in vivo impact of **non-specific** or futile **binding** in in vitro screens and the functional significance of intestinal and hepatobiliary transporter proteins. Transgenic animals should soon add value to our understanding of the contribution of transporter proteins to drug bioavailability (intestinal and hepatic drug uptake/efflux) and drug interactions and in validating projections for Man. Future studies should also focus on the evaluation of the various in vitro human CYP induction screens available, with particular emphasis on their predictive value for the clin. scenario.

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L1 ANSWER 2 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
AN 2002:716938 CAPLUS  
DN 137:244249  
TI **Non-specific binding** resistant protein  
arrays and methods for making the same  
IN Wagner, Peter; Kernén, Peter; Lu, Hongbo; Tran, Huu  
PA USA  
SO U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 36 pp., Cont.-in-part of U.S. 6,329,209.  
CODEN: USXXCO  
DT Patent  
LA English  
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|      | US 6406921     | B1   | 20020618 | US 1998-115455  | 19980714 |
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| PRAI | US 1998-115455 | A2   | 19980714 |                 |          |
|      | US 1999-353555 | A2   | 19990714 |                 |          |

AB **Arrays** of protein-capture agents useful for the simultaneous detection of a plurality of proteins which are the expression products, or fragments thereof, of a cell or population of cells in an organism are provided. A variety of antibody **arrays**, in particular, are described. Methods of both making and using the **arrays** of protein-capture agents are also disclosed. The invention **arrays** are particularly useful for various proteomics applications including assessing patterns of protein expression and modification in cells.

L1 ANSWER 3 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
AN 2002:613656 CAPLUS  
TI Protein microarray fabrication for immunosensing  
AU Inerowicz, Halina D.; Howell, Stephen W.; Regnier, Fred E.; Reifengerger, Ron  
CS Department of Chemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 47907, USA  
SO Abstracts of Papers, 224th ACS National Meeting, Boston, MA, United States, August 18-22, 2002 (2002), ANYL-141 Publisher: American Chemical Society, Washington, D. C.  
CODEN: 69CZPZ

DT Conference; Meeting Abstract  
LA English

AB Protein microarrays will be of broad utility in the miniaturization of immunosensors. By patterning specific proteins, surfaces can be functionalized to target complementary proteins. This paper will report techniques for creating protein patterns on surfaces. Microcontact printing techniques, along with microfluidics were used to fabricate protein **arrays** with micrometer lateral resolu. on glass and gold. Stamps carrying proteins to be printed were fabricated from polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) elastomer by molding. Protein deposition was also achieved through **arrays** of microfluidic channels. This work focuses on the deposition of antibodies in microarrays that were directed against bacteria and IgG proteins. Scanning probe microscopy and fluorescence microscopy were used to characterize the microarrays before and after performing immunoassays. The characterization revealed that protein **arrays** with a high level of homogeneity, according to scanning probe microscopy, showed low **non-specific binding** of non-targeted compds. and high binding capacity for antigens.

L1 ANSWER 4 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
AN 2002:597731 CAPLUS  
TI Development and characterization of Ni-NTA-bearing microspheres  
AU Lauer, Sabine A.; Nolan, John P.



CS Bioscience Division and National Flow Cytometry Resource, Los Alamos  
 National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM, USA  
 SO Cytometry (2002), 48(3), 136-145  
 CODEN: CYTODQ; ISSN: 0196-4763  
 PB Wiley-Liss, Inc.  
 DT Journal  
 LA English  
 AB Background: For ease of purifn., proteins are often expressed with a short affinity sequence of five or six adjacent histidine residues (His-tag). This His-tag binds to the metal of metal chelator complexes such as Ni<sup>2+</sup>-nitrilotriacetic acid (Ni-NTA) or -iminodiacetic acid (Ni-IDA). Chromatog. resins bearing covalently attached metal chelator complexes are used widely for the easy affinity purifn. of His-tagged proteins or peptides. Because Ni-NTA microspheres were not com. available at the beginning of our studies, we prepd. and characterized such microspheres to immobilize His-tagged proteins and study their interactions. Our microspheres are of three types: (a) metal chelator complexes bound covalently to polystyrene microspheres, (b) metal chelator complexes bound covalently to silica microspheres, and (c) lipid-linked metal chelator complexes adsorbed to silica microspheres forming self-assembled bilayer membranes where the metal chelators have lateral mobility. Methods: The microspheres bearing covalently attached Ni-chelator were synthesized by reacting a primary aminebearing Ni-NTA ligand with carboxy-functionalized microspheres and then loading with Ni<sup>2+</sup>. Microspheres with laterally mobile metal chelator were made by incubating glass microspheres with liposomes contg. phosphatidylcholine (PC) and the metal chelating lipid 1,2-dioleoyl-sn-glycero-3-[(N(5-amino-1-carboxypentyl)iminodiacetic acid)succinyl]. Binding of a His-tagged enhanced green fluorescent protein (EGFP) was used to characterize these microspheres by flow cytometry for their specificity, sensitivity, capacity and stability. Results: While all micospheres specifically bind His-tagged proteins, the conditions to achieve this are different for the polystyrene and silica-based spheres. All three types of microspheres bind His-EGFP with satn. occurring at 30-50 nM and an apparent avidity (concn. of half-maximal binding) of approx. 1 to 2 .times. 10<sup>-8</sup> M at pH 7.4. Binding of His-EGFP is inhibited by imidazole or ethylene-diaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA). Polystyrene Ni-NTA microspheres showed significant nonspecific binding as measured by binding in the presence of imidazole or EDTA or by binding of fluorescent proteins lacking a His-tag. This **non-specific binding** of proteins to and aggregation of polystyrene spheres could only be prevented by the inclusion of low concns. of Tween 20, but not by including bovine serum albumin (BSA), polyethylene glycols, or polyvinylpyrrolidones as blocking agents. In contrast, silica-based microspheres with covalently attached Ni-NTA or silica microspheres bearing adsorbed bilayers that contain Ni-NTA-lipid showed little nonspecific binding in the presence of BSA. Our results on the stability of immobilization indicate that washing destabilizes the binding of His-tagged proteins to Ni-NTA microspheres. This binding consists of two interactions of different affinities. We also demonstrate that limited multiplexed anal. with differently sized silica microspheres bearing the Ni-NTA-lipid is feasible. Conclusions: The microspheres described are well suited to selectively immobilize His-tagged proteins to analyze their interactions by flow cytometry. The affinity and kinetic stability of the interaction of His-tagged proteins with Ni-NTA are insufficient to use Ni-NTA microspheres in multiplexed anal. formats where different His-tagged proteins are bound to distinct microspheres. Improvements towards this end (improved chelators and/or improved affinity tags) are crit. for extending the use of this method. We are currently working on novel chelators to strengthen the stability of immobilization of His-tagged proteins to surfaces. Such improvements would greatly enhance the anal. of interactions of immobilized His-tagged proteins and could make the development of microsphere-based **arrays** with His-tagged protein/antibody possible.

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AB Nucleic acid **arrays** that have background features, and methods for using the same, are provided. The subject nucleic acid **arrays** include both hybridization features and defined background features, where the background features provide a background signal in a hybridization assay that is made up of a feature substrate component, a nucleic acid probe component and a nucleic acid probe **non-specific binding** component. In practicing the subject methods, the **arrays** are contacted with a sample and signals are obsd. for both hybridization features and background features. The background feature signal is then subtracted from the hybridization feature signal to obtain a background cor. hybridization feature signal that is employed as the output of the assay, e.g., to det. the presence, either qual. or quant., of the analyte target nucleic acid in the sample. The probes for detn. of background hybridization may fail to hybridize for a variety of reasons including structure, conformation, sequence, presence of base analogs, or the presence of abasic regions. Also provided are kits for use in practicing the subject methods. Probes intended to hybridize to the human glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase were tested and a no. that did not hybridize to their targets in microarrays were identified. These probes and their targets were used to det. the minimal hybridization in a microarray. Probes forming internal hairpin loops were also found to be effective in detg. background hybridization.

L1 ANSWER 6 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 AN 2002:276196 CAPLUS  
 DN 136:305098  
 TI Rapid detection of organism-specific DNA in a sample by PCR and nucleic acid hybridization  
 IN Quere, Ronan; Commes Maerten, Therese; Marti, Jacques; Piquemal, David  
 PA Skuld-Tech S.A.R.L., Fr.  
 SO PCT Int. Appl., 40 pp.  
 CODEN: PIXXD2  
 DT Patent  
 LA French  
 FAN.CNT 1

|    | PATENT NO.   | KIND | DATE     | APPLICATION NO. | DATE     |
|----|--|------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| PI | WO 2002029096  | A2   | 20020411 | WO 2001-FR3077  | 20011005 |
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|    | RW:  |      |          |                 |          |
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BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG

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| FR 2815043         | A1 | 20020412 | FR 2000-12717 | 20001005 |
| AU 2001093957      | A5 | 20020415 | AU 2001-93957 | 20011005 |
| PRAI FR 2000-12717 | A  | 20001005 |               |          |
| WO 2001-FR3077     | W  | 20011005 |               |          |

AB A rapid method of detecting DNA from one or more species in a sample by PCR and hybridization is described. An **array** of probes is immobilized on a solid support and the support is the satd. with DNA distinct from that of the target organisms to minimize **non-specific binding**. The DNA sample is amplified and labeled and the amplification products are then hybridized to the probe **array** and the hybridization patterns analyzed to identify the organisms in the sample. Labeling may be dyes, radioisotopes, or chromogenic substrates. The use of digoxigenin as a label is demonstrated in the detn. of white spot syndrome virus in shrimp.

L1 ANSWER 7 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 2002:190244 CAPLUS

TI Proteinchip<sup>TM</sup> technology: a new and facile method for the identification and measurement of high density lipoprotein (HDL) apo A-I, A-II and isoforms in patients with diabetes and coronary disease

AU Dayal, Bishambar; Ertel, Norman H.

CS VA NJ Health Care System, East Orange, NJ, 07018, USA

SO Abstracts of Papers, 223rd ACS National Meeting, Orlando, FL, United States, April 7-11, 2002 (2002), MEDI-125 Publisher: American Chemical Society, Washington, D. C.  
CODEN: 69CKQP

DT Conference; Meeting Abstract

LA English

AB Plasma HDL-cholesterol (HDL-C) levels are inversely correlated with risk for atherosclerosis. The mechanism for this assocn. may involve reverse transport of cholesterol. Many but not all epidemiol. studies have indicated a closer assocn. of HDL Apo A-1 with coronary risk than with HDL-C. Apo A-II assocd. with HDL2 does not seem to have a similar protective effect. In diabetics, glycosylation of HDL may result in a functionally abnormal and atherogenic Apo A-1 particle. We describe a ProteinChip technol. for the identification and quantification of apolipoprotein profiles in crude biol. samples. Expression levels of Apo A-I, Apo A-II and their glycosylated products were detd. in 1 .mu.l plasma samples placed on a SELDI (surface-enhanced laser desorption ionization) ProteinChip **array** (Ciphergen Biosystems). We compared two chips for their ability to sep. the HDL apolipoproteins-the strong anionic SAX2 and the weak cationic WCX2. We found the latter to be superior and used this chip for the clin. studies. After the capture step, the ProteinChips were washed to reduce **non-specific binding**, and retained proteins on the surface were analyzed by surface-enhanced laser desorption ionization mass spectrometry (SELDI). Apo A-I, A-II sepd. as sharp peaks at 28 and 17 kD and did not overlap with serum albumin peaks. Patients with types 1 and 2 diabetes had reduced levels of HDL apolipoproteins compared to normals. Since these assays can be completed on a large no. of clin. samples in less than an hour, further development of this technique should be useful in epidemiol. studies of atherosclerosis, particularly in patients with diabetes mellitus.

L1 ANSWER 8 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 2002:173210 CAPLUS

DN 136:275515

TI Protein nanoarrays generated by dip-pen nanolithography

AU Lee, Ki-Bum; Park, So-Jung; Mirkin, Chad A.; Smith, Jennifer C.; Mrksich, Milan

CS Department of Chemistry and Center for Nanofabrication and Molecular Self-Assembly, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 60208, USA

SO Science (Washington, DC, United States) (2002), 295(5560), 1702-1705

CODEN: SCIEAS; ISSN: 0036-8075

PB American Association for the Advancement of Science  
DT Journal  
LA English

AB Dip-pen nanolithog. was used to construct **arrays** of proteins with 100- to 350-nm features. These nanoarrays exhibit almost no detectable **non-specific binding** of proteins to their passivated portions even in complex mixts. of proteins, and therefore provide the opportunity to study a variety of surface-mediated biol. recognition processes. For example, reactions involving the protein features and antigens in complex solns. can be screened easily by at. force microscopy. As further proof-of-concept, these **arrays** were used to study cellular adhesion at the submicrometer scale.

RE.CNT 24 THERE ARE 24 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD  
ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

L1 ANSWER 9 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 2002:172437 CAPLUS

DN 136:213163

TI Single target counting assays using semiconductor nanocrystals  
IN Empedocles, Stephen Alexander; Watson, Andrew R.; Phillips, Vince; Wong, Edith

PA Quantum Dot Corp., USA

SO U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 42 pp., Cont.-in-part of U. S. Ser. No. 784,866.

CODEN: USXXCO

DT Patent

LA English

FAN.CNT 2

|      | PATENT NO.      | KIND | DATE     | APPLICATION NO. | DATE     |
|------|-----------------|------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| PI   | US 2002028457   | A1   | 20020307 | US 2001-882193  | 20010613 |
| PRAI | US 2000-182844P | P    | 20000216 |                 |          |
|      | US 2000-211054P | P    | 20000613 |                 |          |
|      | US 2001-784866  | A2   | 20010215 |                 |          |

AB The present invention provides assays that allow for the detection of a single copy of a target of interest. The target species is either directly or indirectly labeled with a semiconductor nanocrytal, "quantum dot." The bright and tunable fluorescence of the quantum dot is readily detected using methods described herein. Also provided are assays that are based on the colocalization of two or more differently colored quantum dots on a single target species, which provides superbly sensitive assays in which the decrease in assay sensitivity caused by **non-specific binding** of assay mixt. components to the assay substrate is minimized. The assays are of use to detect target species including, but are not limited to, nucleic acids, polypeptides, small org. bioactive agents (e.g., drugs, agents of war, herbicides, pesticides, etc.) and organisms.

L1 ANSWER 10 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 2001:792271 CAPLUS

DN 135:299497

TI Apparatus for biomolecular **array** hybridization facilitated by agitation during centrifuging

IN Gordon, Gary B.

PA Agilent Technologies, Inc., USA

SO U.S., 10 pp.

CODEN: USXXAM

DT Patent

LA English

FAN.CNT 1

|    | PATENT NO.    | KIND | DATE     | APPLICATION NO. | DATE     |
|----|---------------|------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| PI | US 6309875    | B1   | 20011030 | US 2000-514975  | 20000229 |
|    | US 2002052042 | A1   | 20020502 | US 2001-10020   | 20011205 |

PRAI US 2000-514975 A2 20000229  
US 2000-590934 A1 20000608  
US 2001-971867 A1 20011004

AB **Array** hybridization can be facilitated by agitating a reaction cell subject to centrifugal force greater than 1G. A two-dimensional hybridization **array** is preferably oriented generally orthogonal to the centrifugal force. Agitation involves titling the **array** back and forth about an axis, preferably parallel to a centrifuge axis. The centrifugal force serves, in a sense, as supergravity helping to overcome **non-specific binding** forces (viscous forces and other forces at the liq.-solid boundary) that limit the rate of liq. flow. Thus, the agitation rate and the related replenishment rate can be increased. The agitation causes the sample liq. to wash back and forth across the **array**, which remains protected by a thin liq. film. The resulting "tidal" motion, results in thorough mixing of the sample liq. In addn., since only a thin film is required over much of the **array**, typically costly sample vol. can be reduced. Thus, faster hybridization with lower sample vols. can be achieved.

RE.CNT 7 THERE ARE 7 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD  
ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

L1 ANSWER 11 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
AN 2001:618283 CAPLUS  
DN 135:177680  
TI Single target counting assays using semiconductor nanocrystals  
IN Empedocles, Stephen Alexander; Watson, Andrew R.  
PA Quantum Dot Corporation, USA  
SO PCT Int. Appl., 79 pp.  
CODEN: PIXXD2  
DT Patent  
LA English

FAN.CNT 2

| PATENT NO.  | KIND | DATE     | APPLICATION NO. | DATE     |
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| WO 2001061348   | A1   | 20010823 | WO 2001-US5164  | 20010216 |
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PRAI US 2000-182844P P 20000216

AB The present invention provides assays that allow for the detection of a single copy of a target of interest. The target species is either directly or indirectly labeled with a semiconductor nanocrystal, "quantum dot". The bright and tunable fluorescence of the quantum dot is readily detected using the method. Also provided are assays that are based on the colocalization of two or more differently colored quantum dots on a single target species, which provides superbly sensitive assays in which the decrease in assay sensitivity caused by **non-specific binding** of assay mixt. components to the assay substrate is minimized. The assays are of use to detect target species including, but are not limited to, nucleic acids, polypeptides, small org. bioactive agents (e.g., drugs, agents of war, herbicides, pesticides, etc.) and organisms.

RE.CNT 14 THERE ARE 14 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD  
ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

L1 ANSWER 12 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
AN 2001:474276 CAPLUS

DN 136:194697  
 TI Development of novel cDNA **arrays** using nylon membrane as solid support  
 AU Kojima, Hiroki; Arakawa, Taku; Asai, Tomomi; Kawakami, Fumikiyo  
 CS Department of Bio-business, Toyobo Co., Ltd., Japan  
 SO Bio Industry (2001), 18(5), 13-19  
 CODEN: BIINEG; ISSN: 0910-6545  
 PB Shi Emu Shi  
 DT Journal; General Review  
 LA Japanese  
 AB A review. A novel cDNA **array** system using nylon membranes, GeneNavigator, was described. As remarkable features of GeneNavigator, it is emphasized that this **array** system is provided as a kit including reagents for sample mRNA extn. and chemiluminescence detection. Some problems experienced with the glass plate microarrays that might be caused by the nature of glass, i e., fluorescence quenching, limitation of probe d. and **non-specific bindings** were much improved in GeneNavigator by replacing the matrix with a nylon membrane. The cDNA probes immobilized on the membrane that have been specially designed to improve specificity and sample retention are available for detection of human and mouse cancer gene expression. The detailed tech. notes on the sample mRNA prepn., amplification by PCR, detection and data analyses were also discussed with some data presented for the evaluation of reproducibility and detection limit by Gene Navigator system.

L1 ANSWER 13 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 AN 2001:380820 CAPLUS  
 DN 135:1201  
 TI Long oligonucleotide **arrays**  
 IN Chenchik, Alex; Munishkin, Alexander; Simonenko, Peter  
 PA Clontech Laboratories, Inc., USA  
 SO PCT Int. Appl., 46 pp.  
 CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent  
 LA English

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|    | PATENT NO.   | KIND | DATE     | APPLICATION NO. | DATE     |
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|    | WO 2001036682  | A3   | 20020117 |                 |          |
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|    | US 2002160360  | A1   | 20021031 | US 1999-440829  | 19991115 |
|    | EP 1230395   | A2   | 20020814 | EP 2000-978747  | 20001115 |
|    | R:   |      |          |                 |          |
|    | AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE, MC, PT, IE, SI, LT, LV, FI, RO, MK, CY, AL, TR   |      |          |                 |          |

PRAI US 1999-440829 A 19991115  
 WO 2000-US31562 W 20001115

AB Long oligonucleotide **arrays**, as well as methods for their prepn. and use in hybridization assays, are provided. The subject **arrays** are characterized in that at least a portion of the probes of the **array**, and usually all of the probes of the **array**, are long oligonucleotides, having a length of from about 50 to 120 nt. Each long oligonucleotide probe on the **array** is preferably chosen to exhibit substantially the same high target binding efficiency and substantially the same low **non-specific binding** under conditions in which the **array** is employed.

The hybridization efficiency of 36 probes of different length on the **array** were tested. The subject **arrays** find use in a no. of different applications, e.g. differential gene expression anal.

L1 ANSWER 14 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
AN 2001:300212 CAPLUS  
DN 135:88776  
TI Structural Basis of **Non-specific Lipid Binding**  
in Maize Lipid-transfer Protein Complexes Revealed by High-resolution  
X-ray Crystallography  
AU Han, Gye Won; Lee, Jae Young; Song, Hyun Kyu; Chang, Changsoo; Min,  
Kyeongsik; Moon, Jinho; Shin, Dong Hae; Kopka, Mary L.; Sawaya, Michael  
R.; Yuan, Hanna S.; Kim, Thomas D.; Choe, Jungwoo; Lim, Dori; Moon, Hee  
Jung; Suh, Se Won  
CS Molecular Biology Institute, University of California at Los Angeles, Los  
Angeles, CA, 90095-1570, USA  
SO Journal of Molecular Biology (2001), 308(2), 263-278  
CODEN: JMOBAK; ISSN: 0022-2836  
PB Academic Press  
DT Journal  
LA English  
AB Non-specific lipid-transfer proteins (nsLTPs) are involved in the movement  
of phospholipids, glycolipids, fatty acids, and steroids between  
membranes. Several structures of plant nsLTPs have been detd. both by  
X-ray crystallog. and NMR. However, the detailed structural basis of the  
**non-specific binding** of hydrophobic ligands by  
nsLTPs is still poorly understood. In order to gain a better  
understanding of the structural basis of the **non-**  
**specific binding** of hydrophobic ligands by nsLTPs and to  
investigate the plasticity of the fatty acid binding cavity in nsLTPs,  
seven high-resoln. (between 1.3 .ANG. and 1.9 .ANG.) crystal structures  
have been detd. These depict the nsLTP from maize seedlings in complex  
with an **array** of fatty acids. A detailed comparison of the  
structures of maize nsLTP in complex with various ligands reveals a new  
binding mode in an nsLTP-oleate complex which has not been seen before.  
Furthermore, in the caprate complex, the ligand binds to the protein  
cavity in two orientations with equal occupancy. The vol. of the  
hydrophobic cavity in the nsLTP from maize shows some variation depending  
on the size of the bound ligands. The structural plasticity of the ligand  
binding cavity and the predominant involvement of non-specific van der  
Waals interactions with the hydrophobic tail of the ligands provide a  
structural explanation for the non-specificity of maize nsLTP. The  
hydrophobic cavity accommodates various ligands from C10 to C18. The  
C18:1 ricinoleate with its hydroxyl group hydrogen bonding to Ala68  
possibly mimics cutin monomer binding which is of biol. importance. Some  
of the myristate binding sites in human serum albumin resemble the maize  
nsLTP, implying the importance of a helical bundle in accommodating the  
**non-specific binding** of fatty acids. (c) 2001  
Academic Press.  
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L1 ANSWER 15 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
AN 2001:218570 CAPLUS  
DN 135:30424  
TI Ligand-binding characterization of xanthophyll carotenoids to solubilized  
membrane proteins derived from human retina  
AU Yemelyanov, Alexander Yu.; Katz, Nikita B.; Bernstein, Paul S.  
CS Moran Eye Center, University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City,  
UT, 84132, USA  
SO Experimental Eye Research (2001), 72(4), 381-392  
CODEN: EXERA6; ISSN: 0014-4835  
PB Academic Press  
DT Journal

LA English

AB The macula of the human retina contains extraordinarily high concns. of lutein and zeaxanthin, xanthophyll carotenoids that appear to play an important role in protecting against age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness among the elderly. It is likely that the uptake and stabilization of these carotenoids is mediated by specific xanthophyll-binding proteins. In order to purify and characterize such a binding protein, a carotenoid-rich membrane fraction derived from human macula or peripheral retina was prepd. by homogenization, differential centrifugation, and detergent solubilization. Further purifn. was carried out using ion-exchange chromatog. and gel-filtration chromatog. coupled with continuous photodiode-**array** monitoring for endogenously assocd. xanthophyll carotenoids. The most highly purified prepn. contained two major protein bands at 25 and 55 kDa that consistently co-eluted with endogenous lutein and zeaxanthin. The visible absorbance spectrum of the binding protein prepn. closely matches the spectral absorbance of the human macular pigment, and it is bathochromically shifted about 10 nm from the spectrum of lutein and zeaxanthin dissolved in org. solvents. Binding of exogenously added lutein and zeaxanthin is saturable and specific with an apparent Kd of approx. 1 .mu.M. Canthaxanthin and .beta.-carotene exhibit no significant binding activity to solubilized retinal membrane proteins when assayed under identical conditions. Other potential mammalian xanthophyll-binding proteins such as albumin, tubulin, lactoglobulin and serum lipoproteins possess only weak **non-specific binding** affinity for carotenoids when assayed under the same stringent binding conditions. This investigation provides the first direct evidence for the existence of specific xanthophyll-binding protein(s) in the vertebrate retina and macula. The possible roles of xanthophyll-binding proteins in normal macular function and in the pathogenesis of age-related macular degeneration remain to be elucidated. (c) 2001 Academic Press.

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L1 ANSWER 16 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 2000:902133 CAPLUS

DN 134:292225

TI Optimization of DNA microsensor **arrays** for biological detection

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CS Biomedical Engineering Interdepartmental Graduate Degree Program,  
University of California, Los Angeles, CA, 90095-1597, USA

SO Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (2000), 2, 667-672

CODEN: MSIIYAW

PB American Society of Mechanical Engineers

DT Journal

LA English

AB This paper describes the characterization and optimization of a reusable DNA microsensor **array** for rapid biol. agent detection developed in previous publications. This MEMS based DNA sensor utilizes a std. three-electrode electrochem. cell configuration with novel micro fabricated structure design to minimize **non-specific binding**. The sensor module is easily to be adapted to various protocols and can be used for rapid detection of macromols. (DNA, RNA) from targets such as uropathogenic Escherichia coli in urine and microorganisms causing otitis media (middle ear infection). Less than 10<sup>5</sup> E. coli cells can be detected from the urine sample of a patient with urine tract infection. The sensitivity is enhanced by appropriate sensor characterization and surface modification. The total detection time including sample prepn. can be reduced to 25 min by using a POD conjugated oligonucleotide.

RE.CNT 5 THERE ARE 5 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS RECORD  
ALL CITATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE RE FORMAT

L1 ANSWER 17 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS



AN 2000:330693 CAPLUS  
 TI Low-density-**array** optical chips for multiplex detection of biomolecules.  
 AU Schneider, Bernard H.; Vach, M. Danna; Dickinson, Beth  
 CS Photonic Sensor, Atlanta, GA, 30308, USA  
 SO Book of Abstracts, 219th ACS National Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 26-30, 2000 (2000), IEC-236 Publisher: American Chemical Society, Washington, D. C.  
 CODEN: 69CLAC  
 DT Conference; Meeting Abstract  
 LA English  
 AB We are developing low-d. **array** optical chips for a range of clin. applications where the detection and discrimination of a small no. (<100) of biomol. species is required. For these applications, such as point-of-care diagnostic panels (e.g. cardiac testing, therapeutic monitoring), clin. trials and genetic testing, low-d. **arrays** may be more appropriate than the high-d. microfabricated **arrays** currently being developed for drug discovery, proteomics and gene expression applications. The optical chip measures the real-time refractive index increase caused by biomol. binding (e.g., hybridization or antibody-antigen interactions) to the chip surface. Using integrated interferometric detection, background **non-specific binding** can be minimized without compromising specificity. Direct detection of proteins and nucleic acids has been demonstrated at picomolar concns., and a further three orders of magnitude improvement shown when colloidal gold is used to provide signal amplification. More effective signal amplification schemes are being developed to lower the detection limit to the point where, for specific applications, target amplification can be avoided.

L1 ANSWER 18 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
 AN 1999:691252 CAPLUS  
 DN 131:318549  
 TI Methods for reducing **non-specific binding** to a nucleic acid probe **array** by controlled modification of probes or immobilizing surfaces  
 IN McGall, Glenn; Goldbert, Martin; Ryder, Thomas B.; Woodman, Steve  
 PA Affymetrix, Inc., USA  
 SO PCT Int. Appl., 64 pp.  
 CODEN: PIXXD2  
 DT Patent  
 LA English  
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|      | PATENT NO.  | KIND | DATE     | APPLICATION NO. | DATE     |
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| PI   | WO 9954509  | A1   | 19991028 | WO 1999-US8745  | 19990420 |
|      | W: AE, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW, AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM |      |          |                 |          |
|      | RW: GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SL, SZ, UG, ZW, AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE, BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG  |      |          |                 |          |
|      | CA 2326498  | AA   | 19991028 | CA 1999-2326498 | 19990420 |
|      | AU 9936591  | A1   | 19991108 | AU 1999-36591   | 19990420 |
|      | EP 1071821  | A1   | 20010131 | EP 1999-918749  | 19990420 |
|      | R: AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IT, LI, LU, NL, SE, MC, PT, IE, FI   |      |          |                 |          |
|      | JP 2002512045   | T2   | 20020423 | JP 2000-544837  | 19990420 |
|      | US 2001049108   | A1   | 20011206 | US 2001-862571  | 20010523 |
| PRAI | US 1998-63311   | A1   | 19980420 |                 |          |
|      | WO 1999-US8745  | W    | 19990420 |                 |          |

OS MARPAT 131:318549

AB The present invention provides a variety of methods for reducing **non-specific binding** of a target mol. or plurality of target mols. to an **array** of oligonucleotides. The methods of the present invention include surface modification techniques and oligonucleotide modification techniques. Methods of integrating probe synthesis and surface modification are described. According to one method of the present invention, **non-specific binding** of a target mol. to an **array** of oligonucleotides is reduced by replacing at least one of: the protecting groups on each of the plurality of oligonucleotides, and the protecting groups on each of the protected regions of the substrate, with a neg. charged phosphate residue. Use of these methods to eliminate background in microarray hybridization is demonstrated.

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L1 ANSWER 19 OF 24 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS

AN 1999:365111 CAPLUS

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TI Waveguide multichannel immunoassay using photo-deprotection immobilization

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DT Journal

LA English

AB A planar optical waveguide was used to simultaneously excite fluorescence due to antigen binding in three sep. areas of immobilized antibody. Biotin labeled, polyclonal antibodies to goat, human, and rabbit IgG were immobilized through surface bound, photo-activated MeNPOC-biotin-bSA and avidin. Exposing the MeNPOC to UV light effectively uncaged the biotin mol. attached to the bSA and allowed avidin, followed by the biotin labeled antibody, to bind to the waveguide surface. Whereas a time intensive, **non-specific binding** prone step-and-repeat method is normally used to form the individual capture layers, we chose to pursue a combined deposition method involving sample wells and photo-activated crosslinkers. The result was a covalently linked multi-component capture layer formed in a short period of the time. Specific and cross-reactive activities of this antibody **array** were gauged by sequentially injecting analyte specific to one antibody area at a time. Results suggested that the binding of each analyte occurred predominately in the correct area and, depending on the particular antibody, generated varying levels of cross reactivity. A comparison of result with previously acquired, phys. adsorbed capture layer data did not infer one deposition technique was better than the other.

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TI Method for reducing **non-specific binding** in surface-bound immunoassays by using polyethylene glycol derivatized biomolecules

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SO Eur. Pat. Appl., 15 pp.

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DT Patent

LA German

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| PRAI | DE 1997-19748489   | A    | 19971103 |                  |          |
| AB   | The invention concerns the redn. of <b>non-specific binding</b> during immunoassays by immobilizing the analyte specific reactant and an analyte non-specific reactant coupled to polyethylene glycol; incubating the probe on that surface; and detecting the amt. of analyte. Further versions of the invention include the coupling of polyethylene glycol to labeled antibodies or antigens, application in sandwich assays and in <b>array</b> -type quantifications. The conjugates are of the general formulas: Pr[-(AOn)T]m; Pr-I-[-(AOn)T]m; where P = biotin or biotin derivs.; I = inert support; r = 1-10; AO = (C2-C3)-alkylene oxide; n = 5-500; T = OH, C1-C4-alkoxy, C1-C4-acyl; m = 1-10. According to another versions conjugates are: F[-(AOn)T]m; Pr'-Fr'[-(AOn)T]m; Ms-F'[-(AOn)T]m; where F = lectins, streptavidin, avidin, anti-hapten-antibodies; P' = label for the reactant; F = biomol.; r = 1-10; Ms = label; s = 1-10; F' = sol. biomol., reacts with the analyte. The invention relates to assay kits contg. the components. The method can be applied in solid phase bound hybridization reactions. Thus biotin-PEG, biotin-methoxypolyethylene glycol, and streptavidin-PEG conjugates were prepd. Polystyrene surface was coated with BSA-streptavidin conjugate; biotinylated antibodies to TSH were immobilized onto the surface; to avoid <b>non-specific binding</b> the surface was treated with biotin-PEG conjugate. Using digoxigenin labeled p24 conjugate or anti-IgG-digoxigenin conjugate followed by a latex agglutination assay it was shown that background signals were one fifth or less when using biotin-PEG conjugate compared to the control. |      |          |                  |          |

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TI Leucine transport in *Xenopus laevis* oocytes: Functional and morphological analysis of different defolliculation procedures

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DT Journal

LA English

AB L-leucine uptake in stage V *Xenopus laevis* oocytes was affected by the specific methods used to remove the follicle cells. In the presence of 100 mM NaCl, L-leucine uptake was reduced by 67.5%  $\pm$  5.7 when defolliculation was performed enzymically by collagenase treatment, whereas the redn. was 30.5%  $\pm$  6.4 after mech. defolliculation. The Na<sup>+</sup>-dependent uptake of 0.1 mM L-leucine was 18.6  $\pm$  4.6 pmol oocyte<sup>-1</sup> 40 min<sup>-1</sup> in folliculated oocytes and 5.6  $\pm$  1.9 in collagenase defolliculated oocytes (means  $\pm$  SE). L-leucine uptake was not affected by the removal of the follicular layer if defolliculation occurred after the transport period; radiolabeled L-leucine is therefore not taken up into a compartment that is removed by the defolliculation process. The different L-leucine uptake rates obsd. in folliculated and defolliculated oocytes

were not due to **non-specific** L-leucine **binding** to membranes. L-leucine kinetics showed that the L-leucine Vmax and Km values were lower in oocytes deprived of the follicular layer than in control oocytes enveloped in intact follicular layers. The Vmax and Km values of Na<sup>+</sup> -dependent L-leucine transport, calcd. from data obtained the day after defolliculation by collagenase treatment, were: 16.+-1.5 pmol oocyte<sup>-1</sup> 40 min<sup>-1</sup> and 57.+-21 .mu.mol (mean .+- SD). The Na<sup>+</sup> -activation curve of 0.1 mM L-leucine was hyperbolic in folliculated oocytes and sigmoidal in defolliculated oocytes. The morphol. anal. performed in parallel with the transport expts. showed that after defolliculation, the fibers forming the vitelline membrane tended to be arranged in a more regular orthogonal **array**, and the no. of oocyte microvilli was reduced after collagenase treatment. Mech. defolliculation did not appreciably affect the oocyte microvilli, however this procedure did not completely remove all follicle cells. The damage to collagenase treated oocytes was reversible, and the functional and structural features of most oocytes improved upon subsequent in vitro incubation. The recovery process seemed to involve protein synthesis in view of the increased value of L-leucine Vmax, and microscopic observation showing recovery of the microvillar app.

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AN 1998:197670 CAPLUS  
DN 128:254896  
TI Multi-**array**, multi-specific electrochemiluminescent testing  
IN Wohlstadter, Jacob N.; Wilbur, James; Sigal, George; Martin, Mark; Guo, Liang-Hong; Fischer, Alan; Leland, Jon; Billadeau, Mark A.; Helms, Larry R.; Darvari, Ramin  
PA Meso Scale Technologies, LLC, USA  
SO PCT Int. Appl., 288 pp.  
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DT Patent  
LA English  
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|      | JP 2001503856  | T2   | 20010321 | JP 1998-514984  | 19970917 |
| PRAI | US 1996-715163   | A    | 19960917 |                 |          |
|      | US 1995-402076   | B2   | 19950310 |                 |          |
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|      | US 1996-611804   | A2   | 19960306 |                 |          |
|      | WO 1997-US16942  | W    | 19970917 |                 |          |
| AB   | Materials and methods are provided for producing patterned multi- <b>array</b> , multi-sp. surfaces for use in diagnostics. The invention provides for electrochemiluminescence methods for detecting or measuring an analyte of interest. It also provides for novel electrodes for ECL assays. Materials and methods are provided for the chem. and/or phys. |      |          |                 |          |

control of conducting domains and reagent deposition for use multiply specific testing procedures.

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TI The role of a basic amino acid cluster in target site selection and **non-specific binding** of bZIP peptides to DNA

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DT Journal

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AB The ability of a transcription factor to locate and bind its cognate DNA site in the presence of closely related sites and a vast **array** of non-specific DNA is crucial for cell survival. The CREB/ATF family of transcription factors is an important group of basic region leucine zipper (bZIP) proteins that display high affinity for the CRE site and low affinity for the closely related AP-1 site. Members of the CREB/ATF family share in common a cluster of basic amino acids at the N-terminus of their bZIP element. This basic cluster is necessary and sufficient to cause the CRE site to bend upon binding of a CREB/ATF protein. The possibility that DNA bending and CRE/AP-1 specificity were linked in CREB/ATF proteins was investigated using chimeric peptides derived from human CRE-BP1 (a member of the CREB/ATF family) and yeast GCN4, which lacks both a basic cluster and CRE/AP-1 specificity. Gain of function and loss of function expts. demonstrated that the basic cluster was not responsible for the CRE/AP-1 specificity displayed by all characterized CREB/ATF proteins. The basic cluster was, however, responsible for inducing very high affinity for nonspecific DNA. It was further shown that basic cluster-contg. peptides bind non-specific DNA in a random coil conformation. We postulate that the high nonspecific DNA affinities of basic cluster-contg. peptides result from cooperative electrostatic interactions with the phosphate backbone that do not require peptide organization.

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TI Wettability and surface structure of hyaluronic acid and hyaluronic acid esters fouling-resistant coatings.

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AB Hyaluronic acid (HA) and HA esters covalently linked to materials surfaces produce highly hydrated surface structures, that minimize **non-specific binding**. While it is well known that an **array** of intramol. hydrogen bonding affects properties of hyaluronan mols. in soln., the structure of surface bonded hyaluronans is much less known. We have used wettability techniques to try to gain insights on the structure-properties relationship of surface bonded HA and HA esters. In particular, test were performed on surface-bonded HA, 50% benzyl ester of HA, 75% benzyl ester of HA. Data were compared to those obtained on a 100% benzyl ester film. Surfaces were probed by contact angle measurement and calcn. of surface free energy components, ESCA anal. and resistance to cell (fibroblasts) adhesion. Results show that increasing the esterification degree produces an increase of the electron acceptor character of surfaces, probably due to decoupling of the acidic acetamido group from the basic carboxylate anion. Contrary to the 100%

ester, HA and partial esters completely inhibit cell adhesion. The role of interfacial mobility of carbohydrate units bridging surface-bonded sites is discussed.